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## GM's Message 01.08.16

Happy New Year! I hope our newsletter finds you well and that you had a joyous holiday season. Many thanks to our amazing staff who covered the holiday workload for other staff on vacation. I especially want to appreciate my manager, Armando Ruiz, who took on the role of Acting General Manager while I was out and did an excellent job as usual.

We have a new look for our newsletter, and one of my 2016 resolutions is to keep my GM Messages short and sweet. This will be hard since Neighborhood Councils are always doing wonderful things that I'd like to brag about here, such as Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council board members meeting with Governor Jerry Brown about the gas leak. After that meeting, Governor Brown declared a state of emergency to address the leak and will be partnering with Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council to hold a town hall on the matter. You can read more about it below. Thank you, PRNC!

If you haven't checked out our [Neighborhood Council elections page](#) and [candidate registration video](#), please do because they're pretty neat, and elections are at full steam now. Also, the Neighborhood Council Civic University 2.0 hands on curriculum has been released below and is amazing with presenters that will give you key information on how to take your City Hall advocacy skills to the max. Already confirmed to speak is CAO Miguel Santana. The class is limited to 100, and we are already halfway there so [register now](#) to apply for a spot.

Looking forward to sharing a crazy and awesome 2016 with you!

Best,  
Grayce Liu,  
General Manager  
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (aka) EmpowerLA  
***Empower Yourself, Empower Your Community, EmpowerLA***



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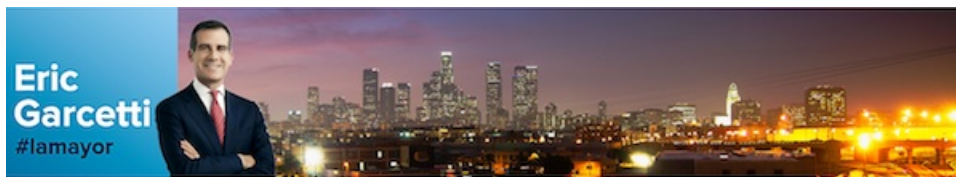
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## Mayor's Message

Los Angeles leaders on Wednesday allocated \$12.4 million for emergency relief to get homeless people off the streets before the anticipated El Niño winter storms bear down on the city....

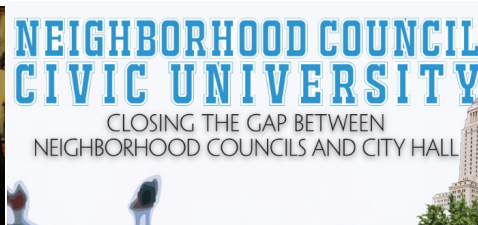
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### Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council Meets with Governor Brown

Governor Brown met January 4th with members of Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) to hear firsthand how the SoCal Gas Leak has been affecting the community...

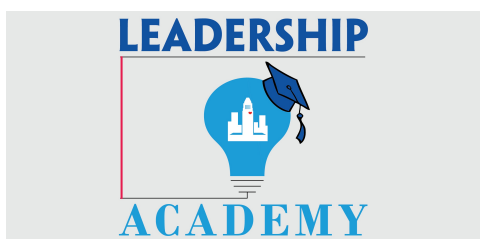
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### Civic U. 2.0 Curriculum: Roll Up Your Sleeves

Building on the overview of city government in Civic U. 1.0, this program helps participants to create a public policy project or an advocacy action (say for an ordinance) with citywide implications and neighborhood relevance...

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### Upcoming EmpowerLA Leadership Academy Workshops

Outreach and Election Workshops featuring NationBuilder and Nextdoor will be held...

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### BUDGET ADVOCATES Service Report Card Update!

Last Chance to Rate your City Services!!!

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You are Invited to

**RALLY in the VALLEY**

CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016 • 6:30 - 8 P.M.**

**JOHN H. FRANCIS POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA** 12431 Roscoe Blvd., Sun Valley 91352 • light refreshments

Parking Lot off Arleta Avenue

**Neighborhood Council ELECTION HOTLINE**  
818-293-VOTE (8683)

**FROM THIS EVENT YOU WILL GET:**

- ✓ How to Run a Neighborhood Council Campaign
- ✓ Building Coalitions
- ✓ Effective Advocacy on a Neighborhood Council Board



### Preparing for El Niño:

## REGION 1 - Rally in the Valley

January 2016

Run for a seat on your Neighborhood Council! Candidate Filing is now open for Arleta, Foothill Trails District, Mission Hills, North Hills East, Pacoima, Panorama City, Sun Valley Area, Sunland-Tujunga, and Sylmar Neighborhood Councils...

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The Emergency Management Department (EMD) Bulletin for this month highlights ways you can prepare your family and home before the expected El Niño rainfall and storms begin....

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### Share Your Community Clean-Up Success Stories

Angelenos take pride in their neighborhoods and actively volunteer for clean-ups, regularly reporting trash and graffiti to one of City Hall's most used service request phone numbers...

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### Los Angeles City-County Homelessness Strategy Information

Here are some resources on the City-County homelessness strategy, including the 2015-2016 Winter Shelter Locations and Transportation...

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Sunday January 24, 2016

### Early Bird Gets the Worm!

The Griffith Park Run Half Marathon & 5K is a scenic road race through one of LA's most iconic parks. There's Still Time to Get the Early Bird Rate!

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### West Coast Advance Screening of Wilhemina's War, January 9, 3-5pm

Made by documentary filmmaker and journalist June Cross, Wilhemina's War focuses on the impact of the global pandemic of HIV/AIDS across generations of an African-American family living in rural...

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